REMARKS:

This amendment is for the purpose of making certain modifications to the claims submitted in the prior amendment and for adding claims 21-23. In order to maintain the same number of claims, claims 2 and 9-10 have been canceled.

The indication of allowability of claims 12, 16-17 and 19-20 is noted with appreciation. Claims 17 and 20 were written in independent form in the prior amendment. Claims 12 and 16, however, remain as dependent claims since it is the position of applicants that their parent claims are patentable. Remaining allowable claim 20 remains dependent on allowable parent claim 19.

As pointed out in the prior amendment which had not been entered, claim 1, particularly as now amended, clearly differs from the prior art and specifically from Schaaf. As discussed in that amendment Schaaf does not disclose or suggest a movement of a probe which jointly moves with its cylinder. Rather, in Schaaf the movement of the surgical tool and the movement of the guide tube are independent of each other.
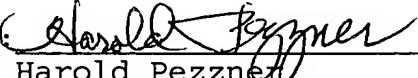
Claims 21-23 have been added which further clearly distinguish over the prior art and in particular over Schaaf. Claim 21 relates to the aspects of the invention wherein the longitudinally reciprocating probe is used to guide the medical scope to a hard to reach location that can not be viewed with the

naked eye, but rather requires the medical scope for viewing that location. Such location might, for example, be the bile duct or the pancreatic duct as defined in dependent claim 22. In contrast, in Schaaf the device is being used for improving drainage within the eye. Claim 23 relates to procedures which differ from Schaaf.

In view of the above remarks and amendments and in view of the remarks and amendments in the prior amendment this application should be passed to issue.

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